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Class	Enrollment	Gender	Comments
First-year	Full-time	Female	About forty to fifty percent of teacher are under qualified.
First-year	Full-time	Female	<p>1. For many commuter students, it is difficult to attend any student organization meetings held in the evening/night. It would be useful if there was some program that allows them to be able to attend meetings during the day, without having to stay on campus til night or live on campus.</p> <p>2. The safety on campus could be greatly improved. Just this year, I have heard too much about robbery cases and other stuff on campus or near campus. This makes commuter students hesitant to park in the UH parking lots and garages especially.</p> <p>3. It would be cool if there was a learning community at UH, in which students of the same major attend classes together and join student organizations together. Also, students of the same background can join together. This would help everyone, especially commuter students, make friends that study the same materials as them.</p> <p>4. The food on campus could be greatly improved, especially at Cougar Village.</p>
First-year	Full-time	Female	I need to talk to an advisor, I never have but am meaning to
First-year	Full-time	Female	My educational experience at the University of Houston has been excellent, despite my lack of involvement in extracurricular actives and other organizations. It offers everything that I would ever need to be successful in college and I highly recommend the university to others that are not currently attending a 4-year institution.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Student housing give limited choices, and food plans are a waste of money.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I feel that the Honors College course, The Human Situation, has been the most helpful area of my educational experience, involving critical thinking, assigned reading, essays, use of technology, expression of personal opinion and religious beliefs through discussion, and collaboration with other students. I would say that his course, for the most part, applies to almost all of the questions asked in the survey in some way. I feel that I have grown academically because of this course, and it is helping me in other courses as well.
First-year	Full-time	Female	None
First-year	Full-time	Female	This is a wonderful school!
First-year	Full-time	Female	UH provide its students with many opportunities to succeed in their classes. I did not take advantage last semester but now I have realized that tutoring really does help!
First-year	Full-time	Female	Honestly this school is great. The work isn't intimidating but it's not always easy, but you learn with it and it's not overbearing. I would come back here for sure. All the professors I've personally had have all been wonderful, enthusiastic people.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I want free food.
First-year	Full-time	Female	Career services advisors were extremely helpful and pleasant to work with. CLASS advisors were not as readily available or willing to help.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I love UH. Go coogs!!!
First-year	Full-time	Female	I would like for then to provide another historically black sorority such as the AKAs.
First-year	Full-time	Female	I wish there was a way to distinguish between which dorm one lives in; the newer dorms have much more amenities and social happenings, as well as more of a focus from the administration
First-year	Full-time	Female	The University of Houston is wonderful. The faculty and staff are friendly and approachable and do everything they can to help you. The quality of teaching is not universally of the highest caliber but overall is exceptional. The Honors College is truly one of the last hidden gems in the world. The staff works tirelessly to keep us up to date on interesting events happening both on and off campus. I don't think I could have chosen a better school to be at or a more wonderful home away from home! Go Coogs!!
First-year	Full-time	Female	Unfortunately, the University of Houston does not offer a nursing major (I do know about the dual degree program with nursing). It was frustrating for me that a major university near one of the best medical centers in the world doesn't offer a nursing program. The only reason I chose UH was because I didn't want to leave home quite yet and I thought I deserved better than a community college (no offense to those that go to one). So maybe my bad experiences with advisors, faculty, and staff at UH is due to the fact that no one knows anything about nursing or the fact that I had questions about transferring to another university, but people could be a little nicer. I've talked with 4-5 different academic advisors and while they were okay, I felt treated like I was stupid. Also, I've had 2 different encounters with financial aid and it was the worst service I've ever experienced. Also, the parking. I leave my house which is 30 minutes away 2 HOURS EARLY before my first class to get a good parking spot. You're telling me we're this "great, tier-one university" and we can't get a better facility for parking. The dissatisfaction I have for UH may be my personal opinion, but it's not worth \$2 for a class, much less the \$6,000 I paid to go here.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Would like to know more about Career Services and how to access these, as well as where they are located/how to contact.
First-year	Full-time	Male	My advisors haven't helped at all. The only advisors that were helpful were the Honors College ones. The Engineering advisors have been useless

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First-year	Full-time	Male	My current institution has done much in the way of hiring useless redundant layers of employees to all tell the students to figure things out by themselves while simultaneously claiming they need to fund these useless broken records with student tuition.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Thank you for your time
First-year	Full-time	Male	The university of Houston is a well known and educational institution that for now is helping me accomplish and further my education, so far I am doing my best to get good grades on my courses. The faculty and staff is very friendly and caring towards every student, trying to help them achieve their goals.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Go Coogs!
First-year	Full-time	Male	I hate the workers at the food place.
First-year	Full-time	Male	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Male	This year has been an academic growth setback.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I enjoy the school I attend, not very avid on keeping the students informed, but there are enough students that information spreads quickly. Very socially healthy environment, encourages learning.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Please fix the roads and parking areas of uh. Especially the parking next to moody across from the metro rail.
First-year	Full-time	Male	Complete utter disappointment Should be sued for misleading students
First-year	Full-time	Male	UH can be improved in so many ways, horrible experience that's why I am transferring. Too commuter like, orientation was HELL, awful, it was MISERABLE, contemplated leaving UH after orientation and I wish I would have.
First-year	Full-time	Male	*A system resembling "ratemyprofessor" needs to be officially sanctioned by universities.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I have two suggestions, can you fix the wifi on cougar place? It's very unstable, I can't finish homework at dorm, and we are suppose to enforce our security job, that it
First-year	Full-time	Male	The amount of time that Architecture Colleges require is ridiculous. It is impossible for me to put as much time into my other classes.
First-year	Full-time	Male	I would lov eit if the tech infrastructure of the university was better. We are still stuck with Core 2 Duo's in all of our computers which is not up to par in this level of educational society.
First-year	Full-time	Male	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Male	N/A
First-year	Full-time	Male	I am a jewish male. I now wear a hat over my religious head covering because I do not feel safe. I am not protected by the rules, laws and principle of this country and decent human nature. I feel that I am better behaved than most of my peers, out of necessity. I believe that anyone that subjugates others because of there feeling of inferiority is wrong. It is not only destructive asinine and disgusting. It is evil. I am disgusted by any people that cannot control the darkest of human nature which is the manipulation of other people with open arms and smiles. Il feel as if there are some that must put others down in order to do good themselves. Please let those that have inside them a drive do good rather than those that behave like animals be protected.
First-year	Not full-time	Female	The UH administrative staff, advisers, and some educators have not been very helpful. I was told that I was blatantly not smart enough to complete a course by a professor and was forced to drop that course myself because he told me otherwise I'd fail. Also whenever I met with advisers in the exploratory department no one took the time to help me. I always felt rushed and lost by the end of my meeting, so I stopped going to them altogether. Finally, I will never forget the kind of attitude and service I was given when I started out at UH, which was rude and terse. Not helpful at all. If I had the choice to go to another school I would, however that is not an option and hope to finish the rest of my educational career at UH without all the complications and roadblocks I have had in the past.
First-year	Not full-time	Female	Communication at this school was a disaster since the first call I gave them, each representative or faculty member gives a different piece of information about very sensitive academic and financial matters. Wasting my time, my effort and my money, ruining and wasting a whole year for me. It was very difficult to get anything done and moving forward at university of Houston, I had to go through so many steps to start finishing courses. Little to no help from anyone except for professors who were generally good. No flexibility with financial matters and payments. I'm definitely leaving this school as soon as possible.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	The experience in Bauer Honors is amazing. The advising is so hands on and the advisors know each student's story and progress. You get one-on-one attention and guidance in the honors classes. The advising, along with the small class size, creates a unique and beneficial educational experience that you would not received outside of the Honors College. There is also a concentration on liberal arts within Bauer Honors and it helps develop our speaking and writing abilities within business. I can't say enough good things about Bauer Honors and all of the work that the advisors and faculty do.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Expose srudents to activites that help form concepts, instead of endless memorization. POGIL seems to be helping students at certain universities.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Out of all of the universities that I've attended, I've received more tools from UH that I actually use in my current job function. I plan on attending UH for graduate school as well. I am very proud and excited to be a Coog!
Senior	Full-time	Female	FIX THE HORRENDOUS PARKING SITUATION!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I like UH but I hate commuting here. It's not commuter friendly whasoever. I also don't like when religious groups force their views upon me as I'm walking to class. Very annoying becuss this is such a diverse university.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The classrooms are very large so it would be impossible for instructors to provide time for all students. However, math instructors offer help at CASA which allows an opportunity for more students to be seen as well as provide an environment for students to help each other. Most student tutors have no idea how to tutor the information so the tutoring is useless. Instructors should tutor. Many instructors spend too much time on fluff material instead of the core information. If attendance was not mandatory then I would not attend because the lectures are usually not helpful. The reading assignments, homework, exams, and quizzes from most instructors are ridiculous. Online classes are better because you can work at anytime and you only have to read the textbook. Some Instructors have lectures but the lectures are usually a waste of time. As a working student doing Nutrition in the Science track a personal life is a non-existent dream. Instructors care more about their research than students. Safety on campus is terrible. UH security are unorganized and apparently short staffed with police officers, they definitely need a new chief, assistant chief, and whoever else manages. Despite being in walking distance, I am still 2 miles out and it is quicker to drive and then bike to class. However, most time is wasted looking for parking. There is not enough parking spots. The college cares a lot about football and not enough about the security and well being of students. There should also be healthier affordable food options on campus.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I've had a positive experience at uh.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The quality of my educational experience has significantly increased within the last two semesters with new amenities, new dorms, more people overall staying on campus for a variety of reasons. UH has maintained innovation through the last year with new buildings and areas for students to enjoy. The transformation of UH is noticed by the students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The healthy food options on campus are extremely limited and expensive. I wish University of Houston would stop signing agreements with fast food companies such as Chik-Fil-A, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Smoothie King, Pizza Hut, etc. It's all dietary suicide and is the majority of what is available. I would love to see University of Houston become a model campus for providing healthy options that are affordable, and widely available around campus. Houston is one of the most obese cities in the world. I think it would be pretty amazing if our University took that more seriously and created an environment that was more mindful of keeping students healthy during their fast paced and stressful college lifestyle.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Great School and professors!
Senior	Full-time	Female	If I could define this institution in one word it would be a bureaucracy. It is obvious that the institution cares nothing for its students only about the money that they produce. If I had the option I would GLADLY attend another university. However, I doubt anyone will read this particular comment. It will get filed away by the system, destined to never be seen again. Honestly, this place has garnered my hatred due to its obvious incompetence in simple human decency. I cannot blame anyone who works there individually because they are also victims of the system. I started out here excited about the next step in my life and I got drop-kicked in the stomach. Now I really don't care. I will NOT be going to grad school here that is a definite FOR SURE. Oh, and by the way, when they start calling me as an alumni, begging me for money, I will LAY into that poor soul on the other end of that line. LAY INTO THEM.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I a veteran and a mother of two young children the atmosphere at the University of Houston is terrible. I consistently feel like I don't belong and have no business trying to better myself. Often times class schedules have made so that I cant both take care of my children and attend classes because of timing issue, I live an hour away with traffic the classes I need don't start until late like 5:30 pm or later and most respectable daycare facilities close at 6:30 pm. While at this school most of the semester I have felt like giving up on my need to create a better life for me and my children and the grace of God has kept me continuing to seek higher education and a better life. I plan to finish up my second degree at a different college hopefully I found on with a better overall atmosphere.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	I think this institution needs improvement for recent graduates to find jobs.
Senior	Full-time	Female	There isn't a whole lot of opportunity for students to meet other students unless they're in an organization or live on campus. There should be a school-wide event that brings people out just for socializing (about once a month). I also don't like that as a Communication student we have to sit on our computer counting down the seconds until advising opens on Fridays to get an advisor. There are too many students for the time slots and advisors available. Also, as a senior these holds are sometimes ridiculous. If there was a way they had "senior day" only or something then there would be less time wasted.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have graduated from the University of Houston, that's why I'm not currently enrolled in any courses at the moment. Overall, I saw a lot of improvement during my 3.5 years at UH as far as resources available to the students and the overall engagement of UH faculty/staff with the student body. I believe the culture of UH is improving to have more of a traditional college campus atmosphere while still keeping a strict emphasis on academics. It wasn't always perfect and I would typically spend more time on campus plugging away at coursework or student organizations than socializing or having fun but that's the sacrifice that needed to be made. I'm now gainfully employed and have a fluid network of fellow cougars in my workplace and other impressive positions. I do plan to study for an MBA one day but that's a few years off.
Senior	Full-time	Female	BlackBoard has been, simultaneously a great tool and a great hindrance in classes. When it works, it's wonderful. When it doesn't, it delays the entire course by weeks.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Advisers coordination needs to be improved. It was ALWAYS hard to reach or get a response from my adviser. Sometimes I never got a response. All of my career development was done by myself with advice from older students.
Senior	Full-time	Female	If I could start over, I'd never do it.
Senior	Full-time	Female	As a psych major I was disappointed that majority of our classes were offered online. I wanted more lecture courses and less online ones. Also I wish my advisor would have told me more about how my honors gpa would be calculated in terms of it being different from the gpa used in the ceremony. While my advisor was helpful in many ways, he still didn't know a lot about the classes being offered that would be helpful for my future career goals. I also wish the university offered more specific courses related to my degree rather than general/overview courses of psychology
Senior	Full-time	Female	U of H has so many tools for a student's success, you just have to put them to use! I use the computer labs, technology lab, library, tutoring services, practice exams, and so much more. I rely on these tools daily. I wish I could use the library later on Saturdays. I have not had a chance to use the gym even though I was an avid workout person before starting school. With full time work and school it has taken a back seat but it is top of the line.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The roads are horrible! Parking is a mess, it's changed every year and quite expensive considering more than half of the students commute. Also, as an international student with health insurance covered by my parents, I'm forced to get a separate insurance at the school which I never use (they don't explain it well). So I pay quite a bit where it's not necessary. Some of the professors have not done their part in teaching effectively either. Grade inflation as well. All in all this institution was my biggest mistake.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Rather than talking to the teachers and supervisors about how the program is, it would be a lot smarter to have a day, similar like the UH Activity Day, to allow students to express their comments/concerns about the College of Education program. There are multiple problems that should be fixed with the COE and rather than asking students what to do, the faculty decides what would work better for them. There has been too many instances when assignments are "busy work" and there is NO educational learning involved. Communication is key, especially if this university is considered a Tier 1 university.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I started the Hilton College only because of their Spa Management program. After being accepted, their spa classes were eliminated to only offering 1 spa management class. I was told more would be added each semester. I feel that I did not get what I expected to receive out of my program. I have only taken 1 spa class. If I could make any changes, I would take the foods 1 and 2 classes out of the requirements. I have no interest at all in pursuing a career in restaurants or Hotels. It would have been nice to have the spa classes as an option in place of the foods classes. I am disappointed that I have to go to a 4 year college to learn how to wait tables. UC Irvine has a true spa management program and I have mentioned it several times to the dean of the Hilton's office to add these classes to our curriculum. It was referred back to UC Irvine to complete their classes, that would only count towards 2 of my electives. I have enjoyed my time at the Hilton College and I will be a proud Alumni.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have already graduated (Fall 2014). I enjoyed my time attending the university of Houston. Some of the professors/TA were not up to par, but other than that, I truly enjoyed my experience.

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Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>First, my actual degree name is Organizational Leadership and Supervision which is not available as an option on this survey.</p> <p>Most of my classes have been fantastic and I know the major I chose really is the best fit for me. I have concerns about a few of the professors that were chosen to teach the classes that I was enrolled in. I found that they followed someone else's curriculum and did not quite understand it themselves. This meant that they were unable to properly convey the true objectives of the class, nor were they able to adequately explain how to do some projects so the lessons in doing them were lost to me and many others in my class. I am graduating with a 4.0 so I was able to deliver what was expected of me but I am still scratching my head as to the point of one or two of the classes.</p> <p>All in all, I am pleased with my education and would recommend UH, the CoT, and OLS to others.</p> <p>(On a side note, can someone please explain to me how the university can spend millions on a new stadium and probably thousands to a celebrity guest speaker and yet I paid ~1,400 dollars to take a class in Agnes Arnold and had to sit in desks that were barely big enough to hold my notebook, had gum stuck to the undersides of them, and had male genitalia and other vulgar obscenities carved into the wood? I have many times questioned the University's priorities.)</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Introductory level sciences are ridiculous. Physics and Chemistry really need to be three semesters again. There's too much information to be packed into two courses. NSM needs to either be split into more colleges or we need to stop leaving blanket courses- math and compsci majors should not be required to take biology just because UH wants our money. And NSM courses are woefully understaffed and many of our course evals are not taken seriously.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>was not satisfied with the teaching program and how they scheduled our course work and student-teaching time</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>First two semesters here I didn't have any friends at UH because I commuted a lot. I always wished there was a way to interact more. Also, not every student is aware of all the activities and opportunities that are out there, there needs to be more awareness and promotion</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Good school. I have a great academic advisor and some profound professors in teaching and in career-wise guiding. However, there are also some unqualified/un-organized teachers and a few T.A. not helpful. Overall, I am happy with Civil Engineering Department.</p> <p>Administrations in Welcome Center are often unfriendly in communication and lack of patient. Documentation's progress is slow and complicated.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Expectations are very low across the board.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Rapid growth of the Petroleum Engineering Department is being used as an excuse on the behalf of the department administration not to allocation appropriate time for the individual students and instead we are being treated as NUMBERS.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I wished we had more exposure to newer softwares or technologies. We used Word for graphic design in my design class. Photoshop or Illustrator would have been a much better choice. As an older student with 15 years or work experience, more guidance for post-graduation school and/or employment could have helped me more.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>U of H is a developing school. They're making better dorms, trying to get better facilities, and trying to reorganize itself to make campus life better for the student. This is hard for the campus because college is really expensive, so people try to spend as little as possible.</p> <p>Other than that I've loved almost all of my electrical engineering classes, the contents of the course and the teachers. Yes I wish the building was newer, but I didn't come to college for fun or comfort, I came to college to learn, get a degree, and a job. U of H may not look pretty, but I can vouch for the engineering department; All of their professors know exactly what they're talking about, and if you're willing to put in the work, you'll learn a lot.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I have enjoyed my time at the University of Houston, for the most part. I like the fact the school is very diverse and offers many student groups. However, due to the large amount of student groups, I was quite unaware of many of them. I also liked that all of my classes have provided a challenge for me.</p> <p>An area of improvement would be advising. At times, it can be very difficult to meet with an advisor. It would be helpful for the advisors or the specific college to send notices about the necessary steps leading to graduation. I would be completely lost about these essential steps if it had not been for speaking with my classmates.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I have gone to two universities prior to this one. This university had the easiest courses or curves (sometimes) out of all of the places that I went to school. Some courses were actually challenging while others weren't. My mentality at UH was that I was paying for the grade. Which was pretty sad. I mean my GPA was high, so I'm leaving UH satisfied in that sense, but as a kinesiology major, it wasn't all that. Our building is literally the oldest piece of junk on campus. We have to share GAR with all of the students who come to CASA and Melcher gym with that charter school. There is one TINY, I mean TINY study room for all of us to pile into, and no where else for us to sit between classes or study aside from the small computer lab. Sometimes I just need a table to sit on and study, but there is never any room in that awful room. Three small tables and a BROKEN couch is what we get, while other buildings and colleges have such nice places for students to study. It really shows how much my university cared about my doing well and being able to study. It was the most sickening building arrangement and room. Also, I have taken other courses in departments like HDFS, PSYCH, BIOL, etc. and I just want to say that for most courses, I could find things online. For my HDFS class, I found a practice exam online and would study it, combined with actually studying from the book, and my in class exam was IDENTICAL to the one online. In Kinesiology and nutrition, everyone has old exams. And you all deserve for everyone to use them when you don't change your exams for like 8 years at a time....The people who don't use old exams fall at the bottom of the class, while the dumb girl next to you who studied the old test 10 minutes before the exam gets a 98 on hers, while taking a 60 question exam in 15 minutes. She strolls out, and no one even suspects anything. Like really? And this happens in multiple classes mind you. If you really cared about the education of your students, you would vamp up your exams a little bit, or move exams into CASA. Also, the course KIN 4315 REALLY needs to be made hybrid or in person. It's a hard course, and none of my classmates nor I really knew what was going on. Having a group project in an online class shouldn't be allowed to happen. And in the project, you are to make a video on a topic. Out of 100 videos in the past that have been made, the instructor said that only 2 have correctly illustrated the topic. I'm just saying, doesn't that OBVIOUSLY mean that students aren't learning the material online? Like isn't most of this common sense? Do department heads, chancellors, professors, really not know what's going on at all? I don't want to screw over my future classmates by saying all of this, but really. This is what I mean when I say I pay for my grade. It's clear that my money goes to free t shirts being handed out at the UC, rather than construction or remodeling on the buildings that I actually have all of my classes at and spend most of my time in. Get your act together UH...if I went out into the real world next year as a personal trainer or something, I would literally be lost. My 4 years did not really prepare me to do anything. Oh well, good thing I'm doing my masters somewhere else! Maybe I'll actually learn something! Sorry to be so harsh, but it's reality.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Science and nutrition department needs improvement in faculty. Advising department is very inadequate. I have gotten to where I am by self exploring and making myself a better candidate for grad school.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I am so glad to attend University of Houston. I have good learning experience.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I returned to complete my degree after being out of college for 19 years. The experience has been awesome and I highly encourage UH and this degree for anyone taking online classes. I love the leadership aspect of the degree.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I believe that the C.T. Bauer college has given me a competitive advantage over other graduates in the Houston area. That being said, I think college itself could use an overhaul.</p> <p>There seems to be a lot of information that is repeated through multiple classes, making some classes almost pointless, as far as learning new material is concerned.</p> <p>Also, there have been many instances where I buy a textbook because it is listed as "required" and then I never, ever open the book. I truly believe I have wasted at least \$600 this way.</p> <p>I have also had to buy 5 different calculators, an expense totally more than \$200 and each calculator was only used for the one class.</p> <p>That being said, I went to buy one of the required calculators from the college bookstore and found that it was \$45. I thought that seemed a little steep, so I waited and went to Office Depot, where I found the same exact calculator for \$30. I was incredibly disappointed to see that the bookstore was exploiting its students in such a way.</p> <p>Most teachers test straight from powerpoint presentations and never mention the textbooks aside from when they go over the syllabus on the first day of class. If they were to remove the textbook requirement, many more students might be able to go to school. Why require students to buy a textbook if they are never going to need to use it?!</p> <p>I believe education is important, but the time has come to assess what expenses are truly necessary and maybe a streamlining process should take place.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>Go Coogs! I absolutely loved my experience at the C.T. Bauer College of Business.</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Female	The quality of education that I have received from this institution has been tremendous. I do however, suggest teaching your faculty about the technology that is out there. I do not know how many times I have had to either move to another classroom or we have had a poor presentation due to the faculty not having the sufficient knowledge on how to operate a projector. This aspect definitely takes away from the learning experience.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It was a great experience
Senior	Full-time	Female	I have wasted so much time and money due to the poor advising I received. Three or four advisors with poor attitudes and of little help, with the exception of Orlando Zomaro.
Senior	Full-time	Female	One of the most valuable things that my educational experience brought me was the opportunity to work in many group projects, and present in front of my class. Personally, it was the interpersonal skills that I gained while completing my major that became one of the most valuable assets for me. While there were always a lot of events going on around campus- some art events put on by the university, others by student organizations- the advertisements for them was found in several different places, and not always very accessible. I would have liked to have a user-friendly website that allowed me to see all the different types of social and academic events on campus, not just the ones that pertained to my major.
Senior	Full-time	Female	The most frustrating part about University of Houston is the GPA system. As a senior, I'm now looking for jobs which require GPA score. It's unfair that UH computes their GPA by A, A- or B+, B, B- when competing with other students from different universities that do not use this system. The GPA system UH uses also makes it harder to get into graduate school since graduate programs do not take in consideration that UH uses a different GPA system than other universities.
Senior	Full-time	Female	It is very difficult to find staff that is willing and able to assist you with any questions that you may have. It is also difficult to receive a response from anyone without emailing them various times. As a student I feel that the staff attempts to brush the students off as much as possible, except when it involves payment. They will not help you find financial aid/grants/scholarships, but they quickly let you know that you owe money and will be dropped from your courses for non-payment. The university also does not care for the needs of students who work full time jobs and have to commute to the campus. Overall, I have had a terrible experience at the University of Houston.
Senior	Full-time	Female	This institution allowed me to go back to school an graduate even though I didn't think that was possible The schedules were flexible to fit the schedules of students who work and or have families. Professors and advisers and just faculty in general were always so helpful and friendly.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am UH graduate as of December 2014. All of my responses reflect the Fall 2014 semester.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Go Coogs!
Senior	Full-time	Female	I believe that the University of Houston can do better and provide better services if we currently sit back to re-evaluate the current infrastructure within our campus. We are focused on expanding our presence on a national scale and improving our athletic program. Yet, we have not realized that we need to see what we can improve or fix internally before advancing once again with even deeper strides.
Senior	Full-time	Female	Overall the quality of education provided by University of Houston is fair. Many of the faculties make themselves available to help out the students in need. Though there were quite a few professors/instructors who were simply authoritative and did not provide clear guide line of what to do. Which makes student feel frustrated about the assignments. Academic advisor was wonderful, however there is only one advisor available for my major. If financially able, I hope school can provide few more of them to assist students. There are definitely much more volume of students compare to one single academic advisor.
Senior	Full-time	Female	none

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Senior	Full-time	Female	<p>I am not attending this spring 2015 semester. Last semester, I had acute liver failure again. So I'm having to take medical leave. Once I have my health back, I shall return. I'm too weak right now. I'm hoping that I shall return fall 2015.</p> <p>I only have three classes left and I will graduate. Can't wait. Anyways, I love UH just as much as I love UT-Austin. But for different reasons. I didn't feel like an alien anymore when I was up in Austin. And the professors are just wonderful. I miss them so much. Everything was great until all of my friends committed suicide up there. And then I was at the shooting at the library, my very last friend was the shooter. I saw him pull the trigger. And then next a stranger jumped off the stadium, and landed about 12 feet in front of me. Blood got on my shoes. The actual sight is enough to traumatize me for the rest of my life. The walls are forever stained. But the sound of a body hitting the surface of the ground, that I will never get out of my head. It sounds like a gun going off at the same time a watermelon explodes as it hits the ground. To this day I have nightmares.</p> <p>I couldn't handle it anymore. So I overdosed and was supposed to die... but for some odd reason I still lived. The doctor called it a miracle. Next semester, I enrolled at UH. I was originally going to go back to UT-Austin, but only because of my professors up there. Austin was the only place that I felt a belonging and a hole in the void had been filled. But I also grew very fond of UH as well. It too has such wonderful, kind, and caring professors. As much as I want to go back to UT-Austin, I've decided to graduate here. And then hopefully go to UT-Austin for grad school. But it's so hard to make up my mind. I love them both so much. At the same time, the professor I want to be my advisor moved to Georgia Tech. As much as I want to travel... I can't because of all my medical problems. It's a sad reality. But hopefully I will get to visit my old professor in Georgia soon. It has been way too long. It was he who changed my mind. He is the one who helped me see the beauty in math! I can never thank him enough. Now, the hard part is deciding on where to go to grad school after I graduate. UH or UT? They are both so close to my heart! I wouldn't have it any other way.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Female	The experience that the student has at their college campus depends on their school pride and their determination to do well in school. I struggled to balance my responsibilities of a student with the responsibilities of being an employee, a daughter, a sister, and being able to spend time with my friends and family. Sometimes I feel that colleges push students to only focus on school, grades and career aspirations, and don't talk about having fun and <u>doing things around campus to have a good balance.</u>
Senior	Full-time	Female	I think my experience has definitely been helped by being a member of the Honors College here.
Senior	Full-time	Female	I am very disheartened to know that I paid almost \$300 for a parking pass, but since there are no more spots available on campus when I come, I have to park in the ERP. Which is Economy parking... What a waste of money to have to gamble every day by wasting 15 minutes searching for a spot and then ending up driving another 5 minutes to the ERP and waiting another 30 minutes for the bus to make it to campus, and then having to wait <u>another 15 minutes to walk to my next class. As if commuting isn't bad enough...</u>
Senior	Full-time	Female	What's the purpose of taking online courses and the student still has to come up to the campus to take an exam three to four times it defeats the purpose of saying online courses
Senior	Full-time	Female	I feel like I go to a good school, and I strongly feel that the quality and reputation of the school has significantly increased over the past few years. The main issue, and I am sure this has been addressed many times, is the lack of the student engagement on campus. There are organizations on campus that do a great job of promoting themselves, but unless students either live on campus or within a 15 minute drive of campus, most students are unable to participate. If there were more on-campus housing (and it was cheaper), I think more students would be engaged. The university also feels like a research school, which is good in a sense of academics, but you don't truly get that "college-life" vibe that so many students crave. There aren't a lot of places to just go "hangout" on campus (yes, there are some, but not many). Students want to feel like they're in their own community in college, not like it's somewhere to drive to, catchup with friends for a minute and then go to work. It needs to take on its own system <u>and community.</u>
Senior	Full-time	Female	The University of Houston's lack of wide online course availability heavily affects students with life changing circumstances such as pregnancy, relocation, etc. The lack of university funded services to help students complete minutes is a really big problem too; not all students are licensed to drive, have cars, jobs, or friends with cars. I had to drop a minor in education because of inability to complete observation hours. I am now graduating a semester <u>later than I would have.</u>
Senior	Full-time	Male	Universities are turning into corporations and they treat students like profit centers and faculty like cashiers. This university is following the trend. American universities have long enjoyed the admiration of the entire world as the greatest universities available, but I think this era is rapidly coming to an end. I think the number of classes taught by graduate students and adjunct professors is deplorable. Great universities should not consider online classes as valuable as face-to-face teaching is. These concepts lower the standards of teaching and learning for those of us seeking great educations.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	Here at UH, I have been very fortunate to have had some exceptional and very well known and respected instructors. For example, one of my French professors was awarded a Legion d'Honneur by the French government for her commitment to promoting the French language and culture in an educational environment. I would not have been so fortunate at any other university.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Wasn't terrible; striving for conrious improvement - faculty strength & diversity, money, diverse & smarter students, buiing space, so on and so forth, will not hurt! Only help!
Senior	Full-time	Male	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Male	The school should help student finding internships or full time opportunities
Senior	Full-time	Male	Whose House?!
Senior	Full-time	Male	The worst part of my educational experience has by far been the parking and transportation to and from school. The parking lots that are provided are laughable, the parking attendants are rude and inconsiderate, and if you arrive to early or leave to late from my university you have a high probability of getting mugged. My university should spend more money on improving security and parking rather than spending thousands of dollars on celebrity commencement speakers.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Bleep bloop.
Senior	Full-time	Male	N/A
Senior	Full-time	Male	Meh... The professors at the junior college I went to were better at teaching the subjects they taught, and they were more enthusiastic about the subjects they taught as well. Here at U of H, I get the feeling that a lot of the professors are too busy and concerned with their own research, and the students' learning experiences suffer when that happens. There are some enthusiastic and great teachers here though, but finding them is a task.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Student safety is a big concern in this school.
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Please have a class to teach professors how to teach. Meaning, make sure they know how to get the students to understand the materials in an easier way. Professors tend to speak in terms that are within their expertise while the students are extremely new to the materials, therefore they have a hard time to catch up during lectures leaving holes in their understandings.</p> <p>Also, please note that this survey was completed with in a very thoughtful way. Every single answer was genuinely answered and well thought out.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The University of Houston needs to update. Labs are managed by TAs that have no idea what they are doing, and the lab manuals are not very well written. The students in campus are encouraged to cheat because there are no consequence. I have personally witnessed and seen exams and assignments being passed around. The professors know about this and they refuse to do anything about it. I have emailed two professors in the pass when a third of the class was cheating. The professors responded with they just don't care attitude. I am ashamed of going to this campus. The professors and the students just don't care about the integrity of the schools reputation. Since I transferred, all I wanted to do is to get out of here, however, I stayed because I believed it was just the freshman and sophomore level classes. I truly believe there needs to be some sort of investigation or action to this matter. There are some really hard working people in this campus and they have to compete with a lot of dishonest people. Also, I have taken a few courses here that I feel are pointless and were just created to meet a certain requirement. I am not proud to be a UH student, especially since I was led to believe that this University is one of the best in Texas. If I can get a refund I would with the exception of a few classes.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	I feel some programs are not demanding enough. I worked with students that were taking some courses just because of the easy As. I find it disturbing that I have to compete with students that are ill prepared for the real world. I held a job full time and went to school full time but prepared for the courses. I thought I had an advantage over some students that don't have the field experience required for some jobs but seems that is was not enough. I graduated and it took 4 months to get a job in my field of interest. One company told me that compared to UT, our program was weak. It's an embarrassment to hear that from a prospective employer.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The survey was just a little to long, as a student studying Advertising which involves tons of research, I would recommend trimming the fat on this survey. For those freshman or sophomores who are on the fence, when they check out the first page I just bet most of them exit out. Surveys are necessary for society, a long one turns people away from the surveying experience.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The academic opportunity UH provides for a dedicated student is fantastic. These range from course diversity and quality to student teaching and research funding. I have done my best to take advantage of these resources, but many students are completely unaware of their existence. This may be due to some fairly weak academic advising. If the university stressed communication with faculty members within a student's department, lack of success due to student ignorance could be significantly mitigated.</p> <p>There were some issues with community engagement due to the high commuter population, but the recent construction of better housing and quality "hang out" spots close to campus has greatly improved the connectedness of the student body.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>In most of my finance courses we use formula computations and financial calculators to learn the concept. However at work they expect you to know how to use it in excel. Every firm emphasizes excel skills that we do not use in class. It is like a gap between old-school computation with a paper and pencil and excel or other platforms that are used worldwide in our days.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>The faculty was great, only had 1 bad professor. The administration had significant issues. Sports events disintegrated any hope of reasonable parking, and for a commuter school, this is a huge problem. I paid hundreds of dollars for my parking pass, and you take my spot away for football games? Ridiculous. I was forced to take freshman Chemistry labs in my last semester of undergrad when I had already completed the senior labs and both transfer credit and ap credits for them. Not to mention my year of professional experience working in a chemical R&D lab. The reason I was given was: "you wouldn't know how to use the glassware" HOGWASH. They wanted to steal my time and 600 dollars.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Some professors have been excellent and some not. This is typical. But service at this institution is not student friendly. I often get the run around when asking for assistance. I am often misled because things are not fully explained or questions answered. The expectation is that the student knows everything, or is expected to know everything about the workings of the institution and all the red tape. Often I am shut down when I try to ask even simple questions or given incomplete information. Rudeness from many employees including faculty members, counselors, advisors and especially front desk clerks is very common. I believe this contributes to the high drop out rate and low graduation rate. I have talked to other students and they agree that too often the employee attitudes contribute to student stress and frustration.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I'm sorry that I'm a senior and a lot of questions were about "CURRENT YEAR", which I interpreted as current term/semester (spring 2015) and the previous one, Fall 2014. Had I got this survey in freshman-junior level some questions I would have answered differently.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Thank you</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>This survey was to be about student engagement. It seemed to be more inline with student technology use. It often asked how often was this used "to help you learn". It is true that the reason to implementation was to help, but I often found that it did nothing of the sort. It only offered the professors more time to seek grant money to fund the school.</p> <p>The wording of this survey should be edited to ask how often did the technology actually help. For me most of my study time was spent in one of two ways. I either bought discounted texts at half price books and spent my time diligently reading (which could easily be done without paying tuition), or in the technology front, I spent time on wikipedia gaining general background info (again, doesn't require tuition).</p> <p>Most of the use of technology in the classroom has taken away from the aspect of the classroom. I now seem to be receiving less for more money.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>UH School of Art staff real world experienced and great source of information</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>Overall University of Houston (Central Campus) cared more about obtaining money and expanding it's facilities for their own personal gain than attending students needs. They could care less about what I do post graduation and I had to pay a lot of money for an internship course that I could have done for free on my own. This school may appeal nice to the media and especially through all it's sports activities/facilities but after attending school there for more than 4 years it has become very apparent this organization is a place more leaned to that of a private business; not a place that caters to student learning and future job placement.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>I find that the school does not care about the students and care more about the representation of how they look to others and hide us students from anything. I also find it stupid on how the website and course descriptions and degrees are all lies or mainly lies to future students and should be corrected as soon as possible. The school of art should be the first fixed. On the school website it states many lies about this the photography and digital media degree and about access of things that I do not have any access to currently. The whole school is filled with lies and the lies should be expose to the public.</p>
Senior	Full-time	Male	<p>N/A</p>

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Senior	Full-time	Male	There are two major sectors in which UH could vastly improve in education. The first is the use and teaching of relevant technology per major and industry. The second improvement would be to create a more challenging environment in which education is held to a higher standard while incorporating a real world aspect. In other words reduce the leniency in grades and teach how to apply theories learned in the classroom to the real working world.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I want more exterior landscape spaces to go to and enjoy while i'm stressed
Senior	Full-time	Male	There is more to an education than STEM and career prep. Even though CLASS is the largest college on capus, we get ignored when it comes to new tech and updated infrastructure. Liberal Arts CAN provide careers, you just have to know what is out there. UH could be doing more to advance liberal arts students' educational experience and resources for future success.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Most of the problems that happened to me was my failure in finding the right person to show me all the tools provided by my college. Also a mentor to help me get through my classes would be useful.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I feel like some courses should be reviewed for overall effectiveness. Some of it feels like its comprised mostly with busy-work or seems to have a side agenda that doesn't necessarily help students learn very well.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I think that universities should do more research into student retention strategies. It is important to provide funds for any organization that proactively engages students and help them succeed academically.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I feel that I have not received the best quality of education at my institution. Though there are some exceptions, the majority of my professors have not done a sufficient job of teaching me the material that I need to learn. I have one professor who insists on re-writing the material presented in the textbook on the whiteboard word for word. I've always tried to excel in my coursework, but there are some days that I dread coming to school because I feel that it is a waste of my time. I feel this way because I get little enjoyment out of coming to class and feel as if I'm not learning anything. I have had a lot of courses that sound like they would be very interesting, but upon the start of the semester, they end up far from what I thought they would be.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I enjoyed my time at the University of Houston, however my last semester is my most disappointing one with the university. I just left for the Disney College Program and I ended up losing my Texas Grant. I left for one semester and ended up having to pay thousands of dollars for my tuition. I was hoping to end my semester with a zero balance, but got punished for going to work with Disney. Thank you for your time.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I love UH. Very bright professors.
Senior	Full-time	Male	I am proud to be a University of Houston student!
Senior	Full-time	Male	We need speed limit signs in the Parking garages and better security around campus. It is ridiculous that students are still getting robbed on campus! How about installing security cameras, just on the roads (no ones Big Brother!), to record cars driving away after they have committed a crime? Also, with the Metro-rail close to being finished, isn't that going to bring more foot traffic to campus? How are we going to mitigate the risks associated with the increase number of people with access to the campus? Just a graduating students thoughts. GO COOGS!
Senior	Full-time	Male	The University of Houston has made great strides in the realm of education and I hope to continue to see this university grow and become as recognized as a top university in Texas, and furthermore, the United States. I also believe U of H should stop being a gateway school and continue to raise the standards of admission. Focusing on the four year graduation rate has to be championed. I will graduate in exactly four years but I can point out more of my peers that will not graduate in four then point out those who will. UH will continue to be a great school and with the president of this fine university, I am excited to see what will come. Hopefully, UH will be in my window of MBA programs in the near future.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The facilities are sub-par and in need of an upgrade. The technology In the classrooms is antiquated and not what I expect from a tier 1 school.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Great school but the college of technology could use more fund to buy new lab equipments.
Senior	Full-time	Male	The students are great. The professors and faculty are excellent. It's the administration, the sense of greed coming from the higher ups, the sense that we're all walking money bags to them, that ruined my last year and why I am thoroughly against coming back for schooling here. I'm glad I came, but not because of the school. It's because of the people I met here.

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Senior	Full-time	Male	This institution doesn't provide enough support and doesn't ensure that the staff is well adjusted or concerned about the students well fair. Since education has become such an equitable and profitable endeavor ironic the lack of service the institution offers. Receiving an responding email from an instructor is like trying to get the top of the heart transplant donor list at UT medical as 120 year old. Your hiring process must be flawed because you seem to hire insecure instructors with deep seeded issues that lament their own existence wallowing in self loathing over past failures who don't work with or desire to work with their students. Because obviously their upbringing and education was so difficult that no one even deserves a decent grade because no one was a better student than he or she and they didn't score well or amount to much. It's pathetic. And it's partly an issue with society and the publics general lack of interest in teaching or instructing. But it's your responsibility to hire intelligent and emotionally well adjusted instructors. Especially given the profitability of the institution and the myriad of contractual agreements you as an institution possess that you profit off of the students through third parties supporting the ever growing profiteering that's taken over the educational process. At the very least you can design an institution more accommodating to the paying students who are in essence (customers) who are paying for a service they are not receiving.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Univeristy Houston is horribly overpriced and the facilities are lacking. The campus floods and lighted parking costs over \$400 a year. Selfish students into themselves. Same can be said about the teacher. Glad I'll be graduating soon so I can get the hell out of Houston.
Senior	Full-time	Male	Overall, I had a great college experience at U of H. I would not trade it for any other place. However, there were a few instructors that did not teach effectively. Furthermore, the quality of the courses offered should always reflect the price paid to take them. This occurred only a few times. Nevertheless, I think U of H is on the right track, and will be twice as good as it is today in the next few years.
Senior	Full-time	Male	My overall experience has been wonderful. However, I believe a great deal of learning comes from action rather than just reading. Options such as service learning and community-based projects sponsored by the university would allow a student the opportunity to work in a real world setting instead of reading about the real world. The University of Houston has only three civic engagement programs which consist primarily of the MLK Volunteer Day and the Clinton Global Initiative. While these are good programs, I believe that there are many other programs that would aid a student in learning more about civic engagement and how to be a better citizen. These programs will also aid students by helping them relate their experiences to their academic aspirations. This where I think the University of Houston is lacking in quality.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The Psych on-line courses are ridiculously out of date.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Architecture is a lonely pursuit. We're supposed to figure it out on our own.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	None
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I really enjoyed college. Though I did not have the time available to me to take complete advantage of the college culture (on-campus activities, entertainment, etc.), I valued my experiences there and the whole learning environment that college offered.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The College of Technology is a different experience than the University of Houston. Both are great, but the College of Technology's staff is more in-tune with the students' needs.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I have enjoyed my time at the University of Houston and would recommend it as a highly diverse educational community. UOH offers many online, hybrid and traditional classes which allows you to make the best choice for your individual needs.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Thank you, I am very upset the University did not offer my last class I needed to graduate until spring and not during the fall. This semester I am forced to take my last class to graduate and 3 weeks into school I am advised I will not recieve financial aid or the pell grant because I am not enrolled part time. So now I am struggling to pay tuition and my bills while attending school.

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Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>The school emphasizes social activities like the greek system, campus wide lectures/performance/workshops. However the quality of the admin and support is poor at best. In the years I've been here, and from numerous sources apart from myself such as my friends, every single department of admin/support has been a complete letdown and mess. They don't help AT ALL. And this applies to any department -advising (refusing to help you other than do a check off list), housing (terrible process), financial aid, tech support, library and research help, parking and transportation, etc. If you imagine that person that you might unfortunately encounter every now and then who is completely apathetic about helping you, that's who 90% of the admin/staff at U. Houston are. Every now and then someone comes and helps you, and it's like a blessing. Little did I know, until I visited my friends at Rice, UT, and A&M that what we have here is so completely, COMPLETELY subpar. I truly wish I started at another university. This place is a waste of time and money. Don't let their Tier 1 crap fool you. They're not really Tier 1. And side note -a lot of campus crime. A girl was raped in her dorm. People get robbed at gunpoint all the time. They say they're "increasing police enforcement" but the same things happen. Why? Because they hire incompetent people just like they do everywhere else on campus. Increasing the number isn't going to increase anything. It's hard to imagine more lazy, incompetent, apathetic people they hire to support students in need. They say UH is an "affordable" option; you definitely get what you pay for. I've worked in 4 different UH departments in my time here and I can't believe the full-time staff who works there just how they got hired. I worked for 1 year in a department whose boss didn't show up 3 out of 5 days. He's been employed there for 15 years.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>The School of Hotel & Restaurant Management was very elitist and was not inviting at all. From the time I started as a transfer student in 2006 the only orientation I received was from the University. There were no programs social clubs to help transfer students get acclimated. If I had not connected with another student that I attended technical school with, I would have dropped out. There is definitely a disconnection between Faculty and transfer student. The majority of the transfer students I knew, had the same thing to say about the college.</p> <p>There is no advantage to attending this college and having a decent experience, unless you come in as a freshman, even then, you are only taught industry standards from an elites point of view and not from a service/leadership point of view. As members of the "service industry," shouldn't our whole reason for learning and getting degree's be to serve our community/peers in a way that leaves wanting to do help others in the same way we do?</p> <p>I will NOT be referring anyone looking to attend a Texas University, to University of Houston's College of HRM.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>The only reason I am going to U of H is because I couldn't afford an out of district college while working full time to support my self. The university's advisors are a joke, I've been led all over the place and I am currently in my 6th year of college due to the lack of support and guidance from any faculty. This place is a joke...</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>I am a completely online student. More needs to be done to engage students who do not physically attend campus. For instance, at the instructor level, they need to engage students in discussions. What I've found is that if a professor doesn't require conversation, then it will not get done. Students seem to do the bare minimum that is required. If conversation posts on the discussion board are not required, then no one will post for the sheer joy of discussion or learning.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>I am hoping that this university would provide trips for students to undertake as a learning process. Seeing the world outside of their comfort zone would give knowledge and how to interact with the outside world will give experience for a lifetime.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>Two of the biggest complaints I have with The University of Houston is class schedules and parking. As a student who works a full time job during normal working hours it is hard to find required courses that are offered in the evenings, weekends or online. When I do manage to find an upper level class I usually have to circle the campus for an hour on average to find a parking space. Which means I am running the risk of being late to class which then means I miss vital information. It is frustrating, to say the least, and I honestly feel that had I been able to find classes at a time convenient for me I probably would have graduated by now.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>My interaction with other students is limited since I work full-time and only enroll in two courses per semester.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>In the courses I have taken I liked to be challenged, and supported at the same time. I do not like courses that are "read the book do the questions, memorize, take the test". I learn very little from those classes. The classes that have active learning, or "learning while doing" are the best courses. I also like to be treated with respect, and not talked down to if I did not understand.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>None</p>

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Senior	Not full-time	Female	I had several problems every semester. I was a fully online student. Lots of problems taking test and quizzes. Very stressful because you cannot get a hold of the professors right away. My first semester was the worst. I, and the rest of the class, had to drop a course because the professor was supplying the textbook and a month into school he had not provided anything still. Total waste of time. Also that same semester, a psych professor scheduled an on campus test on a homecoming game night. All the students begged him to change days. I never found parking after an hour of driving around, cried, and got a zero on the test, then failed the class. Now I have a F on my GPA. Not acceptable.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	At the University of Houston, I had professors who were knowledgeable, wanted to engage with their students inside AND outside of the classroom, and wanted to create the best experience to make their students successful, which I didn't have at my previous university. Advising Staff IS NOT effective. I used two advising departments, neither of which listened to my concerns or provided me with accurate information upon any visit.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	<p>Many times, I feel that professors are too lenient on students; they are afraid to fail students or to discourage them from getting an education. Thus, professors tend to spoil, for lack of a better word, students with many simple, straightforward multiple-choice questions on exams which requires little mental reasoning from students to correctly answer. Sometimes, practice exams are provided that would mirror the actual exam. With such high frequency of occurrence, I feel that students do not put in as much effort into their studies as they should. And as a consequence to being "spoiled" with easy exams and etc., when students are given tough exams that actually challenges their minds- ones that measure their deep thinking skills, and not their ability to "spot" a correct answer- and to think "outside the box", they complain. In addition, based on my past educational experiences, I have noticed a pattern in my studies - for those classes that encourage me to go past the facts, I tend to study harder and longer for those classes, and I tend to get better grades in those classes too. And for those classes where exams, homeworks, and other assignments are based mostly on facts, or based on textbook materials, I tend to slack-off greatly.</p> <p>I want to briefly comment on one of my friends' experience while she was studying abroad in England three years ago. She said that she rarely took exams that have multiple-choice questions. There were mostly short-answer questions which required a lot of mental activity and thinking from students if they were to be answered correctly. To me, that is a real university exam.</p> <p>There is much that needs to be changed around UH, and many universities in the US too, I believe. Universities tend to hire those teaching instructors with a master's or a PhD, but, many times, those credentials are irrelevant to their ability to teach. Most of my high school instructors had nothing more than a bachelor's degree, but, honestly, I feel that they taught their subject of specialty with better clarity than those instructors at UH.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Female	Uh can be known as one of the most excellent schools; however, the faculty leads the main cause of problem. When attending, I noticed a lot of professors put down students, a lot of professors did not care for the students success, and they had a select few whom were their favorite students. Another problem is the campus apartments, a lot of the rooms are not well cleaned up and prepared for new students that are moving. A lot of the staff really does not try to help any students with concerning problems. (E.g. Roommate issues that cannot be solved due to bullying or taking extra precautions due to health problems). Other than that UH is a great place to get the degree and education.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	As a working adult, my priorities are different than that of most students. More online courses would be helpful, and it would have been nice for advisors to give me a better idea of what fields my degree is applicable to/how to transition between industries. Also, the Career Services website is annoying to navigate. I would prefer to hear about jobs/internships through the journalism school instead of wading through jobs that are not relevant to my field. There is not enough support for adults that are returning to school; the emphasis on school activities (sports, sororities, etc.) outside of the classroom is not important to me. Tell me how I can make money with my degree!
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The availability of tutorial for students who are older and have to work and need to travel to campus. The help in my experience is not convenient and helpful. It is not helpful. My math has been very difficult. Student service center never have a student who can help in my session. As an older student I feel left out and alone to struggle
Senior	Not full-time	Female	It would have been nice if UH provided more programs and events for non-traditional students. As well as transportation programs for student commuters that live more than 30 minutes away from campus. And/or provide more course offerings at the other UH campuses, such as the Northwest and Sugarland location. In addition, it would have been extremely helpful if UH provided more online course options for all general education classes. I would have been able to graduate a lot sooner if all of the above were available to me and my major.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	One of my issues with the University of Houston is that there was no way I could speak to someone about paying my tuition a day late. There is no flexibility at all, which delayed graduation.

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Senior	Not full-time	Female	This university has forgotten its core values. Instead of driving forward to educate, the administration is too caught up in building parking lots and a stadium. Previously, a gym was built that I pay for and do not use. It should be an option for a student to pay for. Dorms are being renovated, and I see some use to that. I do not see the excess need of garages to where they are gouging the student for use. There is a controversy that freshman students should be paying for housing automatically, and I think that it is disgraceful for the university to be demanding it. It is too expensive already, and weeds out students that the "rich" believe should not attend. These kids that are gung-ho for it should think about their own future children and having to pay for that expense.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The university needs to balance the grading procedures evenly. One major should not allow the lowest grade receivable to count as a credit be a B-, while the majority of the majors are C's. It is a very stressful and frustrating major.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	The financial department is dumb
Senior	Not full-time	Female	UH is a great institution to meet people from all over the world and to learn from great instructors, but the senior year is the worse year due to all the paperwork that needs to be done to graduate and the little availability to contact an advisor, they are only available for walk-ins and only for a couple of hours a day when people have most of their classes. Their office is also closed on Fridays when people have more time to contact them. Also, graduation ceremonies conflict with a lot of classes so people were forced to take all of their finals the day before graduation if they wanted to assist their graduation ceremony, which feels like a punishment instead of a reward after completing 4 years of school-work that wasn't easy, after all UH is a Tier One school. Moreover, the required classes to exit the Biology program have insane homework assignments, it takes around 6 hours just to fill out the multiple choice questions without even working the problems. All the stress combined leave little time to really engage in student organizations or contact professors for advice or recommendation letters. I believe is more an administrative fault than a faculty fault that the last year has to be this way. If I knew what I was going to face I would have taken a maximum of 2 classes for my last semester. However, my experience the other 3 years of college was great and I really enjoyed my time at UH.
Senior	Not full-time	Female	I enjoy my college experience in here in University of Houston,.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I had a terrible experience with the biomedical engineering department. They did not help me, my degree plan was confusing and disorganized. I gained no employable skills and was given no assistance with finding employment outside of the institution.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Professors at this institution appear to be primarily concerned with their own grants and completing their own personal projects. Lectures are typically lackluster and in my opinion, it is not truly teaching if all you do is read the information directly from a slide. The general lack of advising: academic, financial aid and general advising availability is comical. With my major I can not even make an appointment and must simply go in and wait for an advisor to be available. The advisors are not considerate of the differences between schools when a student transfers and do not truly advise students on the differences between institutions. I have been told many contradictory things by multiple advisors and am now stuck trying to boost my GPA so I can graduate with the original major I had intended. In general, students need an advisor that is THEIR advisor so they can achieve all their goals and have the least trouble doing so. If institutions the size of University of Texas, OU, OSU, etc, each with a student body of nearly 30,000 can achieve this standard then there is no excuse for THE MOST EXPENSIVE PUBLIC UNIVERSITY in Texas to be able to do the same.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I was asked earlier if I could restart would I have attended the same University. I answered no. To me this reflects less any negative feelings I have toward the University of Houston as I believe it to be equivalent to any major University short of Ivy League Networking. I started at UH as a freshman I thought it was important to get the higher quality education earlier as opposed to community college level. In my experience though students no longer attend college to acquire learning and virtue but to obtain those qualifications which will enable them to grow rich. In this respect community college would have been a better option to start out and then transferring to UH. The University has grown up a lot in the past 10 years, unfortunately this seems to take more of a business role. It seems tuition is going to go up a lot without any real benefit soon.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	The university of Houston does not support students who are trying to graduate on time. They have purposely made some classes available every other semester even though there is a high demand for those classes students cannot take them until the following semester. They have spent more money in building the school cafeteria and new stadium then increasing the knowledge and technology for future and current students. It disappointments me to see our student loans be used in such a irresponsible manner.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	As a person who tries to go through the appropriate communications channels, I find it challenging at times to get a succinct message from the TAs about what they will clearly help you with. Professors are busy but always available for at least a 15-minute sit down but when it comes to getting technical explanations the TAs are for the most part not helpful for checking work or asking for specifics about content covered in lectures.

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Senior	Not full-time	Male	The required courses for my degree concentration, namely, creative writing, include too many literature courses, which do not prepare me for my career and pose a significant barrier to completing my degree.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	<p>University of Houston is a large institution. I started at this University on the fall 2009 with a Biology major. I eventually changed my major to Computer Science. UH computer science department is one of the most disengaged departments in the entire university. The professors are extremely arrogant and been in the same institution forever. They come to the class with lengthy (often 300 page) powerpoint presentation. When the class begin they just run through the slides as fast as they can. Since there are so much materials to cover they can not even stop to take questions from the students. Another interesting thing about this University is that if a student has a problem no one cares. If someone is making a failing grade professors will just let them fail. No help whatsoever! No one in the university even try to help students who are struggling with their lives. But, if you miss out on your payment an army of people will contact you multiple times to make you pay. So I wonder if this is an educational institution or a money sucking machine. This institution seems to spend so much money on making new buildings and buying more cutting edge technology equipments. But, they are useless if they are not producing any results. That is why it is safe to say this institution has no vision. Because they don't seem to care or give a chance to students who are struggling. They only care for the ones who excel in every aspect of their lives. I truly am ashamed to be a part of this institution and most of all I am sad that this town has no better alternative.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Male	It would be nice if in the near future, the art building would be redesigned with better studios and access to some at any time for work on big projects. It is very hard to do outside work sometimes when you are limited to space in a home.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	<p>UH is awesome minus the physics department. I had to take my physics classes at a different institution because the professors at UH are ridiculously difficult. On another note the questions need some work.</p> <p>Some of these questions are not applicable to my major. such as assigned reading, there is no assigned reading in computer science. you just program. Also, the technology questions, we use technology all the time. In fact if you didn't know how to use technology and you're in computer science, you won't be there for long.</p> <p>Actually, these questions are geared more toward people in the liberal arts/writing/art disciplines rather than some of the more hands on disciplines like science and engineering. So you guys may get skewed results.</p> <p>There was a question about the university encouraging people to mingle with people from other ethnicities and religious backgrounds. I put the university never encouraged us, reason being that UH is very very diverse. It would be impossible for you not to mingle with people from different backgrounds. In fact I bet you couldn't go a day without interacting with someone different from you. Unless, of course, you keep quiet and to yourself.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Male	<p>All in all, I can say with 100% certainty that the amount of money I poured into this institution was not worth it! I honestly didnt learn what I believed I would learn and in some classes, I felt as if I had paid thousands of dollars to just "attend" class and submit responses, which feels in my opinion as a huge waste of time, money and resources.</p> <p>I didnt like how there's a cost for EVERYTHING and last but not least, there were very few professors who actually cared for their students... most of them had a "this is just a job" attitude towards everything.</p>
Senior	Not full-time	Male	none
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Go Coogs! This is the house that innovation built.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	during the course of my study at the University of Houston, I experienced tuition spikes that were a result of the asinine emphasis placed on NCAA athletics. Expecting students to foot the bill for a new football stadium and thereby reducing available parking is downright insulting. Furthermore, the expectation that students simply pay more for parking or just park farther away is aggravating. I began my academic experience at UH with a positive attitude but 4 years later, I barely find the drive to attend classes much less advertise my association with the institution. The quality of instruction is another problem in that the majority of faculty is always more concerned with research rather than teaching new concepts. Tier one status along with sports have been the absolute goals of the university and it has sacrificed quality instruction to meet those goals. It is unfortunate. Everything about UH screams progress and indeed it does meet that expectation. However, the heart of the institution has been devastated and it is a shame that instruction is so poor. Quality researchers do not equate to quality professors, and certainly an enormous football stadium does not fit on my job seeking resume.

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Senior	Not full-time	Male	I almost did not graduate this year because someone in the registrar's office forgot to add course hours from another college to my academic record. When I went to speak to them about it they said I was too late into the semester to get the hours added because the courses were from 2 years ago and the final 40 hours must have been taken at UH. However, I had submitted documentation before I entered my final 40 hours at UH and thankfully I had kept the receipt stating I submitted the documents the semester before I entered those final 40 hours. I almost did not graduate because someone overlooked submitted important records. Thanks UH.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	My biggest complaint of this university is the fact that they don't take all cousin taken at local community colleges and they don't count life experience towards your degree. I shouldn't have to repeat classes that I have already have taken and what I do at my work place and training provided by my employer should also count towards my degree. All they want here is money.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	None
Senior	Not full-time	Male	1) They need to have more time slots available for advisers. 2) Advisers need to be more understanding of students personal life. 3) some faculty members need to test on the materials they go over in class!
Senior	Not full-time	Male	University of Houston needs to audit its teachers. Some are absolutely amazing, yet some are destroying students as we speak. The education, leaders and students are great, but there are still a few teachers that make the semester tragic and unnecessary.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	i loved my time at University of Houston. I made me grow as a person and i cannot thank the university enough for what it has done for me and who i have become. Is the institution perfect...HELL NO far from it. But Cougs love UH and we feel like UH loves us back.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I think this university still has a long way to go in regards to matching other top state schools. In the computer science department, and as a fellow c.s. student, there is a general consensus among students that a lot of our program is a bit outdated. The program does a good job of giving us general practical skills applicable to the software industry. However, we lack web development requirements as part of our program. Everything is online now, and every c.s student should leave the program with a solid understanding of web technologies such as html, css, scripting languages, etc. under their belt. As of now, this is not a requirement, and I think it should be. On a separate note, the department needs additional teaching faculty, in order to provide more technical electives. Some of the best professors we have, have a lot of industry experience and keep up to date with the latest trends and technologies. Others have the industry experience, but are horribly outdated and poor lecturers. The students need staff that is passionate about software. Creative people, technical people, people that make class fun and engaging. This is technology, it's supposed to be cool and ignite curiosity and imagination within us. We need faculty that can do this. The program does a good job of preparing us, but I think we can do even better. The software field is constantly changing. I think administration should regroup, set aside their egos, and apply an agile methodology to the department. I think it takes courage to make some changes, but these departments will be producing our future. I think before computer science is ultimately integrated to every existing program, we will see a huge demand for computer scientists. We already do. I don't think there is even a choice to consider. You either remain relevant or you don't. The program does a great job of obtaining real industry capstone projects for the students. This is a major advantage over other institutions. We need more partnerships and programs like this. Support the student events like hackathons. Facilitate these events, instead of stifling growth and opportunity. It is amazing what students can achieve if you lend them a hand. Use the amazing student body diversity we have on campus. Don't try and compete and fight battles that you know you will lose. Focus on our strengths. We are our own school, and we have our own identity. Encourage that. Take pride in being the underdog. This is not a fair and level playing field. We need to strategically think about our moves. Foster an environment of ideas and creativity. Progressive thinking, and being aggressive to stay flexible and agile. Stay relevant.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Institution thinks everyone is a number does not care if your circumstances impend your learning in anyway. They believe its your problem and won't help many people agree with my opinion but don't care enough to say anything.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Overall my college experience was good, not great. If has been very difficult to sit down with my academic advisers who belong to my choice of major. I would have considered my college experience a poor one if it wasn't for the organizations I joined and the perks I've received from them. The biggest perk would be the opportunity to meet my organization's academic advisor, faculty member, who actually sat down and made herself available to help in any way possible.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Degree Plans need to be updated so new graduates can be more up-to-date with the current technologies among different industries. Promote more hands-on projects instead of having only three tests to pass a course. Allocate more resources to train current faculty on how to teach a course effectively and efficiently.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	If one sentence could sum up my experience here, "You don't belong."

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Senior	Not full-time	Male	I feel like all schools are more worried about exams than students actually learning the material. In most classes I've taken, the instructors start out by saying how we have so much material to cover before the first exam. So from day 1, we are pressured into preparing for an exam instead of actually trying to grasp concepts and learn to apply them to real world situations. As soon as the first exam is over we are reminded that we have to prepare for the next exam and study so many chapters in order to prepare for it. A lot of time is spent teaching us how to study responsibly and not "cram" but it is hard not to when the course is designed to do just that. Students usually take at least 4 classes a semester and when every class is structured this way it becomes hard not to cram for these exams. It is even harder for those of us that have to work in order to support our education. Honestly, I have forgotten just about everything I've learned so far. I actually feel like most of it will not help me in the real world anyway. The real world does not give you exams. Employers will not hire you if you get a 70 or above on a job interview. Colleges and universities should focus more on whether or not a student is actually learning and understanding the course material. Not just memorizing it. They should be teaching students the skills they need to succeed in the real world and making sure they won't forget them in a month or two. They need drop the exams and take a much more comprehensive approach to teaching students. If they do this, I guarantee that students will be more than happy to pay high tuition costs because they will feel like they are truly getting an education that is preparing them for the real world.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I am studying a foreign Language this year, so several of the questions do not apply well.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Poor advisers and administrative staff. Unhelpful administration. Unfair and unnecessary rules and policies that impair students abilities in some cases. Proactive leadership but unhelpful and uncooperative administrative staff under them. Academic advisers could also improve their conduct towards students. Poor financial aid and parking/transportation services.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I would say that my educational experience at this university was good, but towards the end it seemed like i "fell through the cracks".
Senior	Not full-time	Male	My advisers have been great however the overall quality of the learning, is in general, bad. When I say bad I mean really bad. several "help centers" don't even know the material to begin with. The equipment and methods we are being taught went out of date 50 years ago. Many teachers don't speak English in any understandable way, while others don't know how to teach. Examples of the ineffectiveness of their teaching is giving tests with double negatives (what doesn't not do this), shouting down students with different viewpoints (usually it's the liberal teachers that do this), giving so much work I have had to drop other classes to keep up or work that by their own admission is several years ahead of us, putting questions on exams they don't know the answer to, and my personal favorite; taking points off a group assignments either due to one member being incapacitated (heat stroke) or certain members having problems and not reporting these issues which the teacher knew about to other members (not to mention changing the assignment at the last minute for my team only). To top it all off instead of hiring quality teachers and getting up to date equipment the university spends our tuition money on a sports stadium and even closes parking (which is a whole other kind of miserable) when there is a game that night during the day time preventing students like myself from getting to class. This university has tier one issue of misplaced priorities and if I had a choice I would definitely go to a different university.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Not enough parking spots.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	Not applicable
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I think the faculty and staff of the Bauer College of Business is quite good. I cannot give that same endorsement to other functional units of the University of Houston, specifically the financial and admissions arms. Because of the 2 specifically mentioned groups I would probably not recommend prospective students to attend this University.
Senior	Not full-time	Male	I feel the Organizational Leadership and Supervision program is very well rounded and one of the only programs available that prepares the student for the real world. You can learn how businesses get and execute work and all of the implications that need to be considered along the way. I think it is the most versatile program and more employers should be made aware of what a graduate of the program has to offer their organization.

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Senior	Not full-time	Male	<p>I am currently taking 2 on campus classes this semester and I have to say I am extremely disappointed with the University of Houston.</p> <p>ELET 1401, Circuit theory II lab is the absolute worst experience ever. Lab and Pre-lab reports demonstrate a complete disconnect between the instructor's lecture and the lab manager's/teaching assistant's lab experiments. No effort has been made to connect lectures to experiments in lab. When asked, TA's struggle to explain how the lab is relevant to what is taught in lecture. Lab report instruction is weak, vague and lacking in any creativity or emphasis on learning. Each lab station has 4 pieces of equipment required to complete experiments, this equipment is either faulty, has a blown fuse that costs \$1.00, or is just outright broken. Experiment 4 required 3 types of speakers to be tested in order to complete the lab, and only 3 speakers were available for 2 classrooms full of students, perhaps 50 people. Needless to say, there was a lot of waiting around. Sadly, the source material is never presented in a relevant and engaging manner.</p> <p>I am also taking ELET2300, Intro to C++, and the professor seems like a first time teacher who lacks confidence in his teaching ability. He speaks very softly and never uses the microphone provided to him. Students are allowed to talk as they please and the instructor never takes control. Also, he lacks full command of the English language, and frequently makes several grammatical errors which make learning the C++ programming language confusing; this also adds to the difficulty of assignments. Students send emails for clarification and he will make corrections, but then cancels the assignment altogether. This is extremely frustrating and ends up as wasted time that could be used more effectively elsewhere.</p> <p>I have come to realize that the understanding of a subject that comes with a PhD, in no way guarantees a good teacher</p>